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LB 801A

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A couple of days ago Senator DeCamp made a remark and it was printed in the World Herald and this is the comment. "One of the critics, state Senator John DeCamp of Neligh, said committees that fund a candidate solely because she is a woman are 'nothing more than the flesh peddlers, same as we have at 24th and Lake Street'." DeCamp's reference to an intersection in a predominantly black Omaha neighborhood angered a black man in the audience and angers this black man. I live less than a half mile from that location. There is a church a block from that location. There is no flesh peddling and if he is engaged in this kind of activity in Omaha he needs to get his direction straight. If the court in Lincoln says that a man may tongue his young daughter when he kisses her, explore her genitals for cleanliness and bathe with her and nothing is wrong, fine. But when he makes cheap, tawdry sexual allusions that demean my entire community, he is going to be called to task for it. I deeply resent it and were he to make such an allegation in my presence to my face, I may not be able to show the restraint that I am showing now. I am fed up with the racist remarks. I am fed up with the efforts to demean my community and black people and as that movie said, "I'm mad as hell and I won't take it anymore." And I will have the opportunity other than on the floor of the Legislature to talk personally with Senator John DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, move on to Section 8, nonpriority A bills, LB 801A.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item I have on 801A are E & R amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, would you take the E & R amendments please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments be approved.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Barrett would move to amend